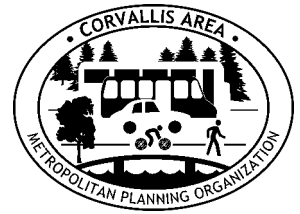


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The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Congressman Peter DeFazio, Chairman
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Committee Members,

The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is located in Oregon and comprised of the cities of Corvallis, Philomath and Adair Village, and Benton County. As elected members of these communities, we represent the views of CAMPO. And as representatives of these communities that care deeply about climate change, we strongly support the INVEST in America Act.

Currently, transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gases (GHG) in Oregon (DEQ, 2018)ⁱ and in fact total emissions from transportation are increasing since 2014, while other sectors are decreasing. Cities and counties are limited in their ability to raise revenue to fund projects locally, due to property tax limitations, annexation constraints, and the lack of a sales tax. The INVEST Act forces states to invest in transportation that reduces single occupancy vehicles, and makes small MPOs eligible for new grant programs to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

We have focused planning and programming in support of transportation projects that encourage walking, biking and transit. Your INVEST Act does all of that and more, and we both appreciate and support your hard work.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bull, Corvallis City Councilor & Policy Board Chair
Patrick Malone, Benton County Commissioner & Policy Board Vice Chair
Eric Niemann, Philomath Mayor
Alan Rowe, Adair Village City Councilor

ⁱ <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/pages/greenhouse-gas-snapshot.aspx>